

**ABSTRACT****Chemical Compositions and Methods for Absorbing Water  
Vapour and Combating Malodour within a Cavity**

5 The invention relates to a method of absorbing water  
vapour and malodour from a cavity, for example a drawer or  
wardrobe or the inside of a shoe. This is achieved by  
10 placement in the cavity of a package permeable to water  
vapour and retaining a particulate dehumidifying compound,  
a particulate odour-combating compound, and a filler  
comprising starch or a starch derivative or cellulose or a  
cellulose derivative, or which acts as a thickener or  
15 gelling agent for the water inside the package.